

# THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

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The fountain pen is not carnivorous, but it usually feeds on the thumb and forefinger, remarks the Staunton (Va.) Leader.

A Chicago clubwoman asks: "Why should women be cooks instead of authors?" One reason that occurs to us is that posterity will want pie like mother used to make, says the Toledo Blade.

The latest statistics on the subject show that in the last sixteen years the railroad casualties in the United States amounted to 113,000 killed and two-thirds of a million injured. No other country has such a terrible record, declares Progress.

A professor of bacteriology in New York University declares that he can discover no cause for alarm, after thorough examination of dust gathered from the underground road, relates the New York Tribune. It has not been noted since the opening of the subway that there has been any increase of maladies reasonably attributable to that cause.

A man with an income of a million a year eats the whole fruit of 6000 men's labor through a whole year, for you can get a stout spadesman to work and maintain himself for a sum of £40. Thus we have private individuals whose wages are equal to the wages of 7000 or 8000 other individuals. What do these highly paid individuals do for society for their wages asked Thomas Carlyle? Kill partridges. Can this last? No, by the soul of man, it cannot, and will not, shall not!—Thomas Carlyle.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, the president of Princeton University, doubts "the utility of the worship of the flag now taught in the public schools." The respect and honor for the national emblem inculcated in the public schools cannot properly be called "worship;" but, of course, President Wilson used the term loosely, comments the New York Sun. His meaning is that the cultivation of the sentiment of passionate patriotism by the exaltation of that material emblem seems to him of doubtful expediency.

The Caucasus, where the troubles have been taking place, is one of the most interesting regions in the world, states the New York Evening Mail. No power ever really governed it. Russia has come nearer to governing it than any other power. In the days of the old Greeks its population was so diverse that a Greek merchant who had an establishment under the shadow of its mountains was obliged to keep 130 interpreters in order to do business all over the country. Its tongues are scarcely less numerous now. But the Georgians, Circassians, Tartars, Mingrelians and Armenians form the bulk of the population; and as a Christian, trading, industrial and progressive people, the Armenians take a high rank among the elements.

According to Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson, a Philadelphia scientist, woman is unfitted for general housework. Nature never intended her to do cooking, which is a branch of chemistry, or housecleaning, which requires expert mechanical knowledge. "Her natural function is that of a home-builder," where she will elevate herself, solve all the vexing problems in our home life, save money for the men and prolong their lives. In the ideal home which the doctor constructs out of ink and paper there will be no kitchen. Meals will be served hot from a centralized cooking establishment. The family will have nothing to do but eat and digest, a labor which pure science still shirks. Houses will be swept, mopped and scrubbed by the machinery of a domestic syndicate. Experts will do everything, even collect the bills automatically. There will be no Monday wash-days and no Thursdays off for maids, for the domestic trust will look after all cooking and laundering. A dull, drudgery world may laugh at Dr. Thompson's idea. But by planning and by dreaming progress is made, even if not quite all the plans and dreams come true.

Russia admits a loss in Manchuria of 40,000 killed and 130,000 wounded, says nothing of the mortality and disability from disease. It is one of the severest lessons of modern times, the St. Louis Globe Democrat comments.

It cannot be denied that the death rate in the second city in the world is much higher in proportion to the population than in the first, says the New York Tribune. The loss of young lives seems to be excessively large in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

A Virginian named Smith announced to the court at Richmond that his given name was Extra, the usual Christian names having been all used up by his brothers. If another brother should have been born, would they have named him "Superfluous" Smith or "Farewell Tour?" The choice of a name under those circumstances would be worse than solving the age of Ann, concludes the Savannah News.

General von Budde, Prussian Minister of State and Public works, in the Budget Committee of the Diet made a comparison between railway accidents in the United States and Prussia, states the New York Herald, showing that derailments are three times more frequent in the United States, collisions three and a half times more, and killed or wounded thirty-six times greater. Accidents are growing less frequent on the Prussian roads.

One of the largest, oldest and most interesting cities in the United States was recently overtaken by grave misfortune. Nearly two centuries have elapsed since Bienville laid the foundations of New Orleans, the population of which is today more numerous than that of any other place south of St. Louis and east of the Rocky Mountains. Before the Civil War it was famous, as it is now, for the exportation of what has long been the leading product of the Gulf States.

Recently a quaint old epigram has been revived and given wide circulation: "There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us that it behooves each one of us to have charity for the rest of us." In confirmation of this homely truth, says the Atlanta Journal, comes the assertion of Judge Cowing, of the New York court of general sessions, that in his twenty-seven years' experience on the bench, sitting at the edge of the never-ceasing stream of crime and vice and evil, he has "found in every man more to praise than to condemn."

The city of Glasgow, Scotland, says the New York Evening Sun, owns a public library of 160,000 volumes, and is erecting a number of district libraries; conducts seven model lodging houses—one for women—which shelter 2430 persons every night and pay 5 percent profit; owns 27 blocks of buildings, which shelter 9000 people; public banks, including Kosher banks for Jews, and also warehouses, in which hot water is furnished at a trifling price for family laundry work; gas and electric light and power works, in which 3000 men are employed; the street railway system, which employs 3500 men and carries 170,000,000 people annually. Furthermore, it owns nine public markets, including one for old clothes; a telephone system that pays 15 percent on the invested public capital; a labor bureau and a home for inebriates.

The new laws which have been passed relative to the equipment and inspection of steam vessels provide for a number of reforms, and at least four of them are conspicuous enough to deserve special mention, says the New York Tribune. Power to amend the code of rules is now vested in an executive committee which can be convened on short notice. Defects in the inspection system can thus be remedied without waiting for another session of congress. The manufacture and sale of life preservers which do not conform to the government standard are made criminal offences. When the fault of a steamboat owner results in the loss of life, a fine of \$10,000 is to be added to the old penalty, which was imprisonment for a period not exceeding ten years. Finally, if the offender is not an individual, but a corporation, its officers are liable to the same punishment.

## TEMPERED JOY.

"I suppose you will be glad to see your Congressman back home again." "Yes," answered Farmer Cornstossel, "we'll be glad to see him. But the chances are he'll insist on our listening to him as well."—Washington Star.

Reggy—Pa says my sister's beau is like our piano. Guess why? Tommy—Because he is upright? Reggy—Ah, get out. It's because neither the piano nor the beau makes any noise after 11 o'clock.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

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Visitor—No wonder you look sad. Prisoner—Yes'm; me time's up next week and I've got to go back to one of 'em!—Puck.

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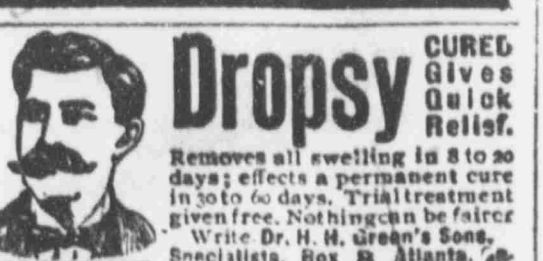
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## The Good Old Times.

According to one of the old English chronicles, royalty, in 1234, had nothing for a bed but a sack of straw. Even in the days of Queen Elizabeth at least half of the population of London slept on boards. Blocks of wood served as pillows. The sleeping chamber of the Queen was daily strewn with fresh rushes. Carpets were unknown. Henry VI immediately on arising tossed off a cup of wine. Tea, coffee, and chocolate were, of course, unheard of at that time. Sugar was to be had only in drug stores, and then by the ounce. These were the good old times.

## Cannot Reduce a Rate.

It is stated in Washington that under the Townsend rate bill if a rate is fixed by the commission it cannot be lowered by a railroad. Should an emergency arise calling for a decreased rate the railroads or shippers would have to appeal again to the commission, there being no latitude allowed, whatever the circumstances. Hitherto a maximum rate has been the rule, but no such concession is made under the proposed legislation.

## When a Horse Falls Down.

We have always been told that when a horse falls down the proper thing to keep him from kicking is to sit on his head, but in one of the London courts the other day a judge by the name of Addison condemned that as a very foolish proceeding and said the proper thing to do when a horse is down is to take hold of his ear and keep his nose up in the air. He said "a horse cannot kick when his nose is in the air; I have seen a lady keep a horse quiet that way without soiling her gloves."—Journal of Zoophily.

## HARD FOR HIM.

"Really," remarked the lazy cad, "I've been wondering what to give up during Lent." "Well," remarked Miss Pepprey, "you might give up your seat in a street car occasionally."—Philadelphia Press.

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"My little girl had eczema very bad when she was ten months old. I thought she would lose her right ear. It had turned black, and her face was like a piece of raw meat, and very sore. It would bleed when I washed her, and I had to keep cloths on it day and night. There was not a clear spot on her face when I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and now it is completely healed, without scar or blemish, which is more than I had hoped for. (Signed) Mrs. Rose Ether, 291 Eekford St., Brooklyn, N. Y."

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## THE SEA-CROW.

A noted ornithologist, upon an ocean trip, was keenly interested in the crow's nest of the ship. So great his curiosity to view the sea-crow's ways. He summoned up his courage and, he climbed up the stays.

"Now blarst my bloomin' tarry wig!"—the lookout there spoke free—"And shiver all my timbers, but I ain't no crow!" says he—"And I'm the only thing up here, so far as I have heard. But bung my bally deadeyes!—I ain't no dicky-bird!"

The ornithologist clum down and sought the captain's ear. "The sea-crow's ways I know too well, I fear—Most conscientiously it lays an egg there every day. But rats run up the ratlines, sir, and bear 'em all away."

"Ams, but that is sad indeed!" the learned man did cry. "Oh, yes, 'tis sad, yet not so sad," the captain made reply: "For though the rats do bear 'em off, as I to you do state, They take 'em to the hatchway, sir, and there they incubate."

"Ah, that is very good indeed!" the learned man did say. "Yes, yes, 'tis good—yet not so good," the captain turned away. And held a dainty handkerchief for tears that naught could check. And ordered up a deck-hand for to swab 'em on the deck.

"The cat o' nine tails dread," he said, "patrols these decks at night: Also the dog watch lies in wait, with fearful bark and bite: These dreadful two—he wept anew—"eat up the pretty dears!"—He choked with sobs—his hearer wept—the scuppers ran with tears. —Watson Bradley, in Harper's Magazine.

## JUST FOR FUN



"But, pa, what is an 'dle jest'?" "There are no idle jests, my son; they are all working all the time."—Brooklyn Life.

Mrs. Upmore (in search of a girl)—Can you do housework? Girl—I dunno, mem, I've always wurruked in flats.—Chicago Tribune.

"Our stock is A1. Nothing better in Burke's." "Yes, father said he had remargined so often that he had better buy you outright."—Life.

She (at the play's rehearsal)—Do you think my husband will object to your making love to me? He—Oh, no. He knows I wouldn't if I didn't have to.—Life.

She—Why, Belle used to be hand-in-glove with you. He—Say, rather, hand-in-mitten! She gave me the latter and withdrew the hand.—Philadelphia Press.

Cholly—Let's be two souls with but a single thought. Maude—I don't want to knock, Cholly, but I fear you couldn't furnish half of the thought.—Indianapolis Star.

Jorkins—My dear, I wish you wouldn't sing that song about "Falling Dew." Mrs. J.—Why not? Jorkins—It reminds me too much of the house rent.—Cleveland Leader.

"How is your new maid pleasing?" "New maid? We have no new maid."

"Why, yes; Della." "Oh, my dear! Why, she's been with us for almost a month!"—Harper's Bazar.

"What do you think of your congress man?" "We don't think of him," answered Farmer Cornstossel. "What we sent him away from here for was to get him off our minds."—Washington Star.

Harry—What an ignoramus Charley is! He speaks of the woman he is going to marry as his "finance." Dick—That's all right. She's got lo' of money and Charley has none.—ton Transcript.

Black—You take great interest in that young nephew of yours, don't you? Stone—Only about 6 percent. That's the rate I'm charging him for the money he has borrowed.—Detroit Free Press.

"And I suppose," said Miss Gushington, "that while in London you were at court?" "Only once," admitted Mr. Lushington with a blush. "But I wasn't guilty, and I got off with a reprimand."—Cleveland Leader.

"Just one kiss, darling," he pleaded; "then I'll go." "For goodness' sake give it to him, Maud," exclaimed a hoarse voice from the head of the stairs, "or he'll stay to breakfast."—Chicago Daily News.

"I have not hitherto taken a prominent part in politics," said a speaker at a meeting in Glasgow last night. "An' ye never wull," continued one of the irrepressibles in a back seat.—Glasgow Evening Times.

Broker—"We see some very strange cases in 'the street.' That seedy-looking chap over there used to be worth a million dollars. Friend—Gad! And now he is 'busted' I suppose? Broker—Oh, no. Now he is worth two million dollars. It wouldn't be a strange case at all if he was 'busted.'—Judge.

Applicant—I see you advertise for a window-dresser." Dry Goods Merchant—Yes, sir. Have you had much experience? "I arranged the window display in the store I worked in 'last, and every woman who passed stopped and looked in." "That's something like. You're just the man we want. By the way, what line was your firm in?" "Mirrors."—New York Weekly.